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AMC commander visits ROTC cadets

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, addressed ROTC cadets during his visit to Stillwater, Okla. for the Field Commanders Ammunition Logistics Seminar Dec. 13.

Griffin shared three important things with the cadets as they pursue their careers. “Do the best you can do in everything you do, think about everything legally, ethically and morally, and treat people with respect – up and down the chain of command.”

More than 20 Army and Air Force cadets participated in the meeting with Griffin along with their leaders, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hensley, professor of military science and Col. Kenneth M. Konicki, professor of aerospace studies. The ROTC cadets are currently enrolled at Oklahoma State University.

AMC command sergeant major thanks employees of Lowe's store

During a recent trip to Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pa., Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel K. Elder took time to visit Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of Chambersburg where he addressed a group of Lowe's employees and saluted the store for their support of the area's military. Elder presented a plaque to the store's Operations Manager Jason Martinage.

During his visit to the depot, Elder toured the HMMWV repair line, the Tactical Missile Repair Center, the Power Generation Branch and the Letterkenny Munitions Center.

Letterkenny celebrates second Shingo prize

Rep. Bill Shuster and U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Lifecycle Management Command Commander, Maj. Gen. James Pillsbury, were recently on hand to salute employees of the Tactical Vehicle-HMMWV line at Letterkenny Army Depot for winning the 2006 Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, Public Service. Letterkenny is the only Army depot to win this prize two years in a row. The 2005 prize was awarded for work on Patriot ground support equipment.

Dr. Ross Robson, the executive director for the Shingo Prize, presented the award to Shuster who subsequently turned it over to Col. Robert Swenson, depot commander, on behalf of the employees. Nearly 250 employees are affiliated with the HMMWV production program.

Tobyhanna will manufacture nearly 80,000 helmet brackets

Engineering capabilities, aluminum machining and sheet metal expertise at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa. have been tapped to provide more than 78,000 new, more durable helmet brackets to Soldiers.

A new mission for Tobyhanna, depot employees will meet the first monthly deadline of 10,000, said Charles Niemoitka, an engineering technician in the new technology research and development division.

The depot-made brackets are 3.7 times stronger and cost 66 percent less than the current brackets, saving \$50 per bracket. Employees are producing the brackets for deployed Soldiers, at an estimated savings of \$4.5 million. The brackets, mounted on the front of Advanced Combat Helmets and Combat Vehicle Crewman helmets, are used to hold Soldiers' night vision goggles.

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